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SUBJECT:NARCOTICS CONTROL - MATERIEL ASSISTANCE

REF: MEXICO 4831

1. EMBASSY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN FOLLOWING LETTER
OF AGREEMENT WITH MEXICAN AG OJEDA, WITH UNDERSTANDING AG
WILL OFFICIALLY ADVISE MEXICAN SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. EMBASSY, AT ITS DIS-
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CRETION, MAY ACCEPT CHANGES PROPOSED BY AG OR ALTERNATIVE

LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY TO ACCOMMODATE AG, PROVIDED SUBSTANCE OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IS RETAINED. PRIORITY TO BE PLACED ON AG SIGNING BEFORE JULY 1, IN ORDER TO USE FY74 FUNDS WHICH WERE PROGRAMMED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO CONGRESS.

2. TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER OF AGREEMENT:

QUOTE; DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL;

IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CURB THE ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OF AND TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO

THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO. BECAUSE ONE OF THE BELL 206 HELICOPTERS WAS DESTROYED AND ANOTHER IS BADLY DAMAGED, THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE TWO BELL 206 HELICOPTERS TO REPLACE THE TWO PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000; THESE TWO BELL 206 HELICOPTERS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THAT GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO CURB PRODUCTION OF AND TRAFFIC IN ILLEGAL NARCOTICS. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR ASSISTANCE, ON A GRANT BASIS, IN FINANCING NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR THESE AIRCRAFT AND THE COST OF FUEL (TO BE AGREED UPON SEPARATELY AND HEREAFTER) CONSUMED BY THESE HELICOPTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO'S 1974 OPIUM POPPY ERADICATION EFFORTS.

THE HELICOPTERS PROVIDED HEREUNDER ARE TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO TO INTERDICT THE FLOW OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS THROUGH MEXICO AND TO LOCATE AND ERADICATE OPIUM POPPY, MARIJUANA, AND OTHER PLANTS FROM WHICH NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES ARE DERIVED. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRICTED TO THESE PURPOSES, EXCEPT THAT NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL PRECLUDE ITS USE IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER TO PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKINGS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE TO

THE PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCESS
TO THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING ITS
USAGE AND CONDITION OF SERVICE. IT IS ALSO UNDER-
STOOD THAT THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
IN MEXICO PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO
SHALL EXCHANGE SEMI-ANNUALLY, AND AT OTHER TIMES
MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, INFORMATION IN WRITING ON
THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE
PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERN-
MENT OF MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY SHALL
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

-- SINCERELY,

-- JOSEPH JOHN JOVA
-- AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE.

3. LEAD TIME FOR THESE TWO BELL 206'S IS ESTIMATED
AT 24 MONTHS. KISSINGER

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